



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

CB 119455

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**Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to City streets; changing the name of the portion of Aurora Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street to 7th Avenue North, and changing the name of the portion of Aurora Avenue between Battery Street and Denny Way to Borealis Avenue; and superseding prior ordinances to the extent inconsistent.

### Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: O'Brien

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: Bill.LaBorde@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

### History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	01/15/2019	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	01/15/2019	sent for review	Council President's Office			
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office							
Notes:							
1	Council President's Office	01/17/2019	sent for review	Sustainability and Transportation Committee			
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee							
Notes:							
1	City Council	01/28/2019	referred	Sustainability and Transportation Committee			

1 Sustainability and Transportation Committee      01/29/2019    pass      Pass

**Action Text:**    The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

**Notes:**

                            In Favor:    4    Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Johnson, Member Sawant, Bagshaw  
                            Opposed:    0

1 City Council      02/04/2019    passed      Pass

**Action Text:**    The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:

**Notes:**

                            In Favor:    8    Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Council  
  President Harrell, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez,  
  Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember  
  Sawant  
                            Opposed:    0

1 City Clerk      02/06/2019    submitted for      Mayor  
  Mayor's signature

1 Mayor      02/13/2019    Signed

1 Mayor      02/13/2019    returned      City Clerk

1 City Clerk      02/13/2019    attested by City Clerk

**Action Text:**    The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.

**Notes:**

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE**

125770

**COUNCIL BILL**

119455

AN ORDINANCE relating to City streets; changing the name of the portion of Aurora Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street to 7th Avenue North, and changing the name of the portion of Aurora Avenue between Battery Street and Denny Way to Borealis Avenue; and superseding prior ordinances to the extent inconsistent.

WHEREAS, the South Lake Union Community Council, the South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce, the Uptown Alliance, and other neighboring stakeholder groups have requested that The City of Seattle change the name of portions of Aurora Avenue North in conjunction with the completion of the North Surface Streets portion of the Washington State Department of Transportation's Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement project, which will rebuild these portions of Aurora Avenue North; and

WHEREAS, these portions of Aurora Avenue North and Aurora Avenue were historically known as "7th Avenue" and were changed to Aurora Avenue North and Aurora Avenue by the State of Washington in preparation to build the Alaskan Way Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, City departments have reviewed this proposal and agree that no significant, negative impacts would result from this proposal; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The name of the portion of Aurora Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street, located between Blocks 69 and 78, between Blocks 70 and 77, and between Blocks 71 and 76, D. T. Denny's Park Addition to North Seattle as recorded in Volume 2 of Plats, page 46, is changed to 7th Avenue North, superseding prior ordinances to the extent inconsistent.

1           Section 2. The name of a portion of Aurora Avenue between Battery Street and Denny  
2 Way, located in Block W, Bell's 6th Addition to the City of Seattle as recorded in Volume 2 of  
3 Plats, page 20, is changed to Borealis Avenue, superseding Ordinance 104968 and any other  
4 prior ordinances to the extent inconsistent.

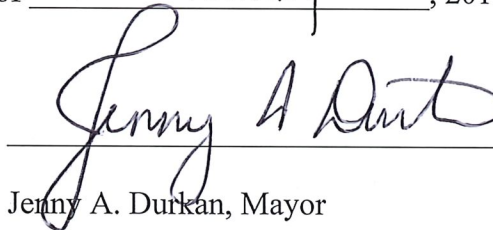
Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on March 8, 2019, or 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, whichever is later, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this <sup>As.</sup> ~~12<sup>th</sup>~~ 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\*

Department:	Dept. Contact/Phone:	CBO Contact/Phone:
Department of Transportation	Matt Beaulieu / 206-615-1911	Michael McVicker / 206-684-5339

*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

### 1. BILL SUMMARY

- 1. Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to City streets; changing the name of the portion of Aurora Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street to 7th Avenue North, and changing the name of the portion of Aurora Avenue between Battery Street and Denny Way to Borealis Avenue.

- 2. Summary and background of the Legislation:**

The WSDOT Alaskan Way Viaduct North Surface Streets project will build new roadway over what is currently Aurora Ave N right-of-way between Denny Wy and Harrison St. The planned aboveground roadway will be built at grade.

In a 2017 letter to City Council and then-SDOT Director Scott Kubly, the South Lake Union Community Council, the South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce, the Uptown Alliance, and other neighboring stakeholder groups requested the name of the right-of-way north of Denny Wy be changed to “7th Ave N.” In response to the letter, Mr. Kubly provided SDOT departmental approval for changing the name of Aurora Ave N to “7th Ave N,” extending from Denny Wy to Harrison St. The name “7th Ave N” was previously used for this stretch of right-of-way and was changed to Aurora Ave. Likely, the name change was implemented when SR 99 was built here although no naming ordinance has been found (related ordinances below).

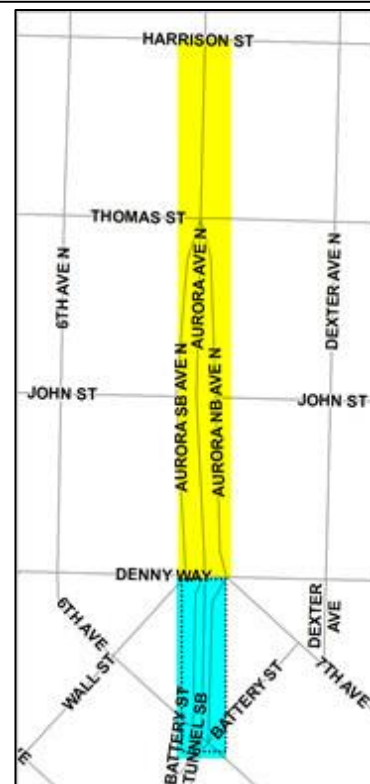
The name “7th Ave N” is functional between Denny Wy and Harrison St (the yellow highlighted area on the map to the right); however, south of Denny Wy, the requested name conflicts with the adjacent roadway named “7th Ave” because the two side-by-side roadways cannot carry the same name. This leaves the single block of existing Aurora Ave south of Denny Wy to Battery St to be named a new and unique name, which will become “Borealis Ave” (the blue highlighted area on the map to the right).

Existing ROW is named:

Aurora Ave N from Harrison St to Denny Wy  
Aurora Ave from Denny Wy to Battery St

The new roadway will extend:

Battery St to Harrison St, and will intersect Denny Wy, John St, Thomas St, and Harrison St. The north end of the new roadway will connect to Aurora Ave N by ramp.



## **Related Existing Ordinances:**

### **ORDINANCE 50890**

1926: An ordinance providing for the laying off, opening, widening, extending and establishing of ... 6th Avenue North and **7th Avenue North, each from Denny Way to Broad Street**; ... 7th Avenue, from Westlake Avenue to Denny Way;

### **ORDINANCE 77088**

1948: An ordinance providing for the establishment of elevated roadways on Alaskan Way and other streets, from the vicinity of First Avenue South and Railroad Way to the vicinity of Battery Street; providing for the establishment of a depressed roadway on Battery Street and other streets from this point to the intersection of **Aurora Avenue and Thomas Street**; providing for approaches to said roadways; providing for the acquisition of right of way necessary therefor; and for changing and establishing the necessary grades; providing for the condemnation; appropriation, taking and damaging of land and other property necessary therefor; and providing that the entire cost of such improvement shall be paid from the Seattle Alaskan Way Viaduct State Development Fund.

### **ORDINANCE 77749**

1949: An ordinance relating to the establishing of elevated roadways on Alaskan Way and South Alaskan Way and other streets from the vicinity of First Avenue South and Railroad Way to the vicinity of Battery Street; for a depressed roadway on Battery Street and other streets from this point to the intersection of **Aurora Avenue and Thomas Street** and for approaches to said roadway; and for changing and establishing the necessary grades as contemplated by Ordinance No. 77088; and amending Sections 1, 2 and 3 of said ordinance for certain changes in alignment and in grade; and adding Section 4-A to include the taking of certain additional property in Bell's 6th Addition and in Block 324 Seattle Tide Lands.

### **ORDINANCE 79275**

1950: An ordinance relating to and providing for the acquisition by condemnation of land and other property for the widening of **Aurora Avenue between Harrison Street and John Street**; providing for the changing and establishing of curb grades on the west side of Aurora Avenue between said limits; and providing for payment therefor.

### **ORDINANCE 79459**

1950: An ordinance relating to and providing for the acquisition by condemnation of land and other property for the widening of the intersection of **Aurora Avenue and Denny Way**; and providing for payment therefor.

1961: SDOT Sign records show roadway named Aurora Ave.

### **ORDINANCE 104968**

1975: AN ORDINANCE accepting deeds to portions of Blocks W and X, Bell's 6th Addition to the City of Seattle for street purposes and laying off **Aurora Avenue North and Denny Way**. (Aurora-Denny Way, et al; paving, etc.)



## 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?     ☐ Yes ☒ No

## 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?     ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?  
No
- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?  
No

## 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?  
Yes, this legislation impacts SFD and SPD and their navigation for emergency services. Disconnected names within the street grid have the potential to create confusion when reporting incidents or responding to incidents, causing an increase in response time. This change will require additional training for first responders and call takers and will need to be included in updates to navigational systems. SITD, SFD, and SPD have provided written concurrence with this street name change as presented in the ordinance.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?  
No, a public hearing is not required.
- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?  
No, this legislation does not require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant.
- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?  
No, publication of notice is not required.
- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?  
Yes, this legislation to change the name of the street will cause the following parcel addresses to change:
- 213 Aurora Ave N
  - 226 Aurora Ave N
  - 232 Aurora Ave N
  - 301 Aurora Ave N
  - 325 Aurora Ave N



- f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

This legislation is not anticipated to disproportionately impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

- g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

No, this is not a new initiative nor programmatic expansion.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

- Summary Attachment A - Aurora Avenue North between Denny Way and Harrison Street
- Summary Attachment B - Aurora Avenue between Battery Street and Denny Way

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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

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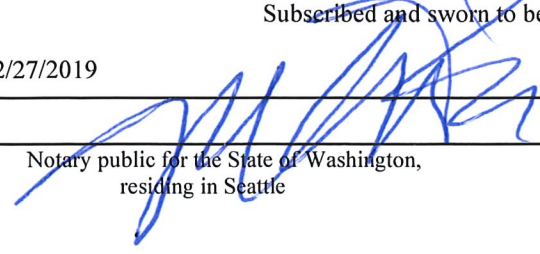
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Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

# State of Washington, King County

## City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on February 04, 2019, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://seattle.legistar.com>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

Ordinance 125763

Council Bill 119453

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; amending Ordinance 125733 to correct a clerical error regarding a condition of approval of the University of Washington's 2018 Seattle Campus Master Plan.

Ordinance 125769

Council Bill 119458

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

Ordinance 125770

Council Bill 119455

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Ordinance 125771

Council Bill 119456

AN ORDINANCE granting National Railroad Passenger Corporation permission to construct, maintain, and operate below-grade utility lines under and across South Holgate Street, east of Occidental Avenue South and west of 3rd Avenue South; specifying the conditions under which this permit is granted; and providing for the acceptance of the permit and conditions.

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, February 27, 2019.

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